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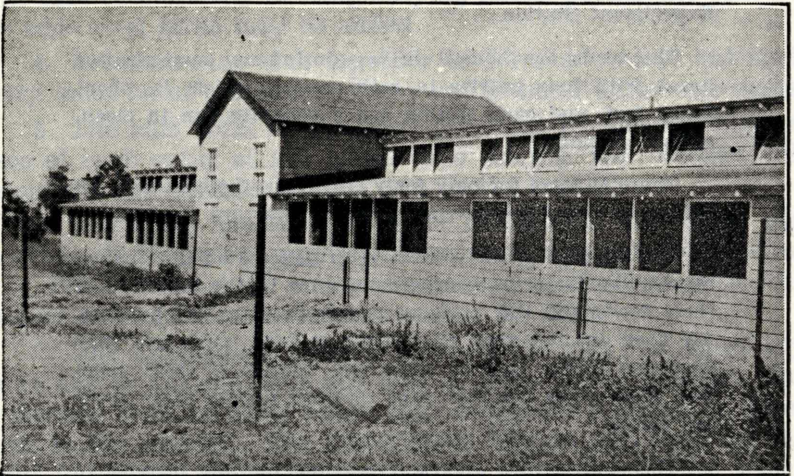
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Rules And Regulations For The Third Utah Intermountain Egg-Laying Contest

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The Contest Building

UTAH AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

LOGAN, UTAH

GENERAL INFORMATION

THIS contest is located on a part of the Utah Agricultural College Farm near the experimental poultry yards. It is managed by the Poultry Department with an experienced poultry raiser in direct charge of the feeding and care of the hens in the contest. The buildings, grounds, and fences were built and furnished by the Experiment Station.

The birds are housed in a continuous semi-monitor house with four entries to each section which is about 10x20 feet, and each section has a separate run in clean, sodded ground.

There is room for only forty entries in the contest. All entries will be filed in order in which they are received.

The purpose of the contest is to impress on the poultry raisers the importance of greater care in the selection of their fowls and the value of proper feeding and housing. All hens are not good producers; in fact, many are very poor due to the lack of vigor and vitality of their dams and sires or to the poor care received during their growing period.

The contest also makes it possible for any breeder to have his strain of fowls tested for production and compared with other strains under the same conditions. It gives him an individual trapnest record of each hen entered from which he may select the foundation for a breeding pen, or it may show the necessity of discarding these fowls to start with something better.

Any poultry-producing section is unbalanced unless there are some breeding farms and hatcheries in that district working to build up the quality of the flock and making it possible for the producers to select day-old chicks or pullets from strains which are known to be good.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE THIRD UTATH INTERMOUNTAIN EGG-LAYING CONTEST

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1. This contest is known as the Utah Intermountain Egg-laying Contest conducted by the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, Logan, Utah.

2. The contest is to begin on November 1, 1926, and will close on October 30, 1927, extending over a period of exactly fifty-two weeks.

3. Each pen shall consist of ten purebred pullets of the same standard variety with two additional pullets as alternates to take care of mortality or disqualifying losses during the contest. No additional birds may be added.

4. Breeders may club together to form an entry, but such entry must be of the same variety and entered under one name.

5. The sum total of the eggs produced by the ten highest hens of each entry at any given time during the contest will determine the position of that pen in the contest.

6. The entry fee shall be TEN DOLLARS for each pen entered. If the entire amount is not sent in at time of application, FIVE DOLLARS must accompany application with the balance to be paid on or before October 20, 1926.

7. The Experiment Station reserves the right to reject any entry and to kill and burn any bird or birds whose presence, due to disease, vices, or other cause, may constitute a hazard to other birds in the contest. The Experiment Station also reserves the right to clip the flight feathers of one wing of any bird which persists in flying over the fences.

8. Any bird arriving with any standard disqualification, including weight, will not be allowed to receive prizes in the contest; the owner will be notified and allowed one week to replace disqualified bird or birds.

9. After the fowls have been received and placed in the contest pens, no entry can be withdrawn. Any contestant failing to abide by the rules of the contest subjects his pen to confiscation, and the birds will be sold for the credit of the contest.

10. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to protect the fowls and prevent loss, but the Experiment Station will not be responsible should death or losses occur.

11. Uniform care will be given all pens. Feeding and management will be directed entirely by the Poultry Department. The decision of the management in regard to all details of the contest shall be considered final.

12. A trapnest record of each pullet will be kept, and the con-

test shall be decided by the total number of marketable eggs laid by each pen. Abnormal eggs or eggs weighing less than 18 ounces to the dozen or after February first less than 20 ounces to the dozen shall not be given official credit.

13. A careful record shall be kept of all eggs laid outside of the trapnest. These eggs will be added to the pen total but not to any individual hen's record.

14. Special recognition and awards will be made to the pens and hens producing the highest number of marketable eggs for the year.

15. A special certificate will be sent to the owner of each hen with a record of over 200 eggs for the year.

16. All revenue received from the sale of eggs and entry fee will be used to conduct the contest. Any profit which may accumulate at the end of the year will be used to repair, paint, or improve the Contest Plant.

17. A report of the contest will be sent out each month to each contestant and the farm and poultry papers of this section. Additional copies of any month's report or the final report will be furnished to the contestants at cost.

18. Owner's name and pen number will appear in these reports. A change of name of ownership will not be made during the contest period.

19. Those making entries in this contest will be given preference in the contest to start the next year.

20. All entries must be shipped **PREPAID** to the **Egg-Laying Contest, Utah Experiment Station, Logan, Utah**, to arrive here on October 30 or 31, 1926. These entries should be sent in good shipping crates. The fowls will be returned in these crates at the expense of the owner at the end of the contest.

21. Each pullet should be examined carefully for any indication of weakness or disease. Only vigorous, well-developed pullets should be shipped, and all must be treated for lice before shipping. Dusting each pullet with sodium fluoride is recommended.

22. Any contestant may enter a second pen of a different variety or of the same variety, provided the second pen does not keep out a first-pen entry of another contestant.

23. All entries will be filed and recorded in the order in which they are received. To avoid duplicate numbers sealed leg bands will be furnished by the contest manager.

24. All birds entered in the contest must be hatched from eggs produced in the contestants' own breeding pens.